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“You must do the thing you cannot do”~ Elenor Roosevelt

Though the changes we were discussing were positive, with change- good or bad- can come some nervousness, stress and sadness. When things change, like they have for us moving from face to face to online, for example, we have to “say goodbye” to our old way of doing things. For some of us, we cry, talk to a trusted friend or family member, watch too much TV, dive into a book or video game; whatever it is for you, it's important to realize- oh, I'm grieving something. Additionally, we need to “say hello” to our new thing. I know this sounds funny but I'm reading a lot on change especially in schools and this form of saying goodbye (grieving) and saying “hello”, welcoming change is very important for adjusting. Please know that, though we don't have all the answers to when we will be back together face-to-face, we are thinking of how we can honor students who are transitioning. Below, I've listed some tentative dates with some things we have to look forward to. If you have questions, concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly by phone 310.310.7261 or via email at ashley.barker@cng.edu. I'm finding connection during these challenging times have become invaluable. I appreciate all the contacts this week in talking about these important transitions.

An interesting read: I would be interested in your thoughts- please take a moment to [share your thoughts on the article on this link.](#)

https://static.nytimes.com/email-content/PTG_sample.html?action=click&module=nl-in-dex-see-the-latest

Thank you's and Recognition:

- **5th Grade-** You did it! We have 99% of your schedule requests- thank you!
- **6th/7th Grade-** thank you for submitting Pre-AP requests and taking the responsibility and initiative to participate. Our committee will be getting back to students very soon.
- **8th Grade-** the high school says you also have taken ownership and they have 99% of your scheduling requests- way to go!
- **NJHS-** a special shout out to our NJHS advisors- Ms. Diana Castaño and Ms. Sandra Cortes and our NJHS Officers who led the ceremony- President- Isabella

Uribe, Vice-President- Daniela Alvarez, Secretary- Mariana Barron, Treasurer- Maria Cortes, and Mr. Gohde for a wonderful NJHS induction (virtual ceremony). Congratulations to new members!

- We appreciate the kind words of encouragement that continue to come from families through emails and parent reps. If you have seen/heard a special moment with your child and a teacher, please let them know. Hearing directly from families has been such a special way for our staff to feel valued.
- **Tech issues?** Thank you to those students who are letting teachers know if they are having tech issues. If your child is having tech problems, please make sure that students continue to 1. try to connect on another device, 2. restart their computer and try again 3. contact their teacher on google meet/hangouts 4. email their teacher and copy ms_dismissal@cng.edu to excuse any absence and get any make up information 5. plan to attend that teachers next Opportunity Day

This week:

Parent Survey - Due Date April 21st

[Feedback Survey MS/HS Parents - DLWeek 4](#)

Tuesday:

7:15AM - Coffee with the principal- <https://mycng.webex.com/meet/ashley.barker>

Our agenda includes-

Discussing transition activities, scheduling, shifting to longer-term distance learning in a time of uncertainty, discuss the article as needed.

Wednesday:

Student-Led Conferences- Wednesday, April 22- No regular classes

We are pleased to announce the virtual continuation of the scheduled Student-Led Conferences (SLC) on Wednesday, April 22 led by your child's ADVISOR. SLCs are required and are an important time for students to reflect upon and share their learning. All of the students will work with their ADVISORS to identify and reflect on learning in all their classes. We'd like to take time to ask about how things are going with the distance learning format and how we can better meet the needs of your children.

Make sure you sign up! Your children were sent a sign up sheet. Please contact ADVISORS directly if you'd like specific information about an individual class. The purpose of these conferences, if you're your child to LEAD the conversation on how they are doing. If you have specific class questions, please contact the class teacher directly during office hours. Our specialist teachers will be available for appointments on Wednesday also- please reference the individual conference email you were sent directly for more information.

From the Counseling Team:

Would you like to have more opportunities to meet with our counselors? They are willing to have more "coffee chats"- [if this is of interest, please complete this short questionnaire](#).

Information/Reminders:

- [Parent Portal Link-](#) Thank you for all who are visiting our new parent portal. This is updated weekly on Friday and has an abbreviated version of what is happening each week along with our weekly schedule

Secondary Digital LearningSchedule:

- Class 10AM-12PM, LUNCH, 1PM-3PM
- Opportunity Day- Monday and Thursday 3PM-4P
- Office Hours- Wednesday and Friday 3-4
- Staff Meeting Days Tuesdays 3-4

Absences: If your child misses any part of distance learning due to illness or connectivity issues, please have them contact the teacher as soon as possible and attend the next Opportunity Day. Also, Contact ms_dismissal@cng.edu for absences.

- Absence coming up? Please, complete our fillable form for prearrangement (2 days in advance). [Pre Arranged Absence Form](#)

Student work Resubmissions: In order for students to resubmit an assignment, test or other classwork, they must complete the [Student Resubmission Form](#)

Resources Available:

[MS Staff Emails/Contacts](#)

[Home/School Communication chart](#)

Tech Resources:

<http://bit.ly/cngtechsmart>- this is for timely CNG tech support

[Google Classroom](#) (English)

[Google Meet](#) (English)

[CommonSense.org](#), which is considered to be an industry-standard in the technology support to parents.

[Acceptable Use Policy](#) (AUP).

From our Service Department- How can you help?**Looking Ahead:**

- ❖ April 23rd- regular schedule- NO STAFF ½ DAY
- ❖ May 1st- School-wide Assembly
- ❖ May 5th- Parent Meeting re: 5th grade to 6th Grade Transition
- ❖ May 8th Parent Meeting re: 8th grade to 9th Grade Transition
- ❖ May 25- Dia de la Ascensión- No School
- ❖ June- Proposed 1st Day back on campus
- ❖ June 4th- proposed Move Up activities
- ❖ June 8- Student Course Selections Provided
- ❖ June 12- 8th Grade Move Up Ceremony- Student last day- early dismissal
- ❖ August 10th- 6th grade orientation. Students will come on campus early for a ½ day